

Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board Meeting
Notice of Closed Session
August 16, 2011

A motion to adjourn to closed session was made by Chairman Sharfstein, seconded by Georges Benjamin and unanimously approved. The meeting was closed pursuant to (1) State Government Article §10-508(a)(1), which provides that a session may be closed to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom it has jurisdiction, and (2) State Government Article §10-508(a)(14), which provides a session may be closed before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

The Board adjourned to the closed session at 2:05 p.m. Persons present during the closed session were: Joshua Sharfstein, Chair; Darrel Gaskin, Vice Chair and Board members Benjamin, Goldberg, Goldsmith (by teleconference), Martinez-Vidal, Saquella, and Steffen, Board Staff, Nicole Stallings and Joshua Auerbach and Meredith Borden Assistant Attorneys General. The Board discussed the appointment of the Exchange Executive Director and unanimously approved the hiring of Rebecca Pearce and approved a starting salary of \$175,000 with the potential for periodic increases in salary over the next 18 months based on the fulfillment of performance standards."Ms. Pearce was then invited into the closed session.

The Board then discussed the proposals for three procurements for assistance in developing studies mandated in Section 5 of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Act of 2011. The Board unanimously approved the award of the request for proposal on the Study of the SHOP Exchange to Institute for Health Policy Solutions, unanimously approved the award of the request for proposal on the Study of Market Rules and Risk Selection to Mercer and unanimously approved the award of the request for proposal for the Study of the Navigator Program and Consumer Assistance to Manatt.

The closed session ended at 3:08 p.m. and the Board returned to open session at 3:12.